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Attorney Docket No. 07040.0086.00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Renato CARETTA) Group Art Unit: 1733
Application Serial No. 09/842,662) Examiner: Knable, G.
Filed: April 27, 2001) Confirmation No. 7708
For: TYRE FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL)
AND METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING THE TYRE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 7, 2005. The items checked below are attached:

Amendment After Final (17 pages).

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: April 20, 2005

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action (“Office Action”) mailed February 7, 2005, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 13 of this paper.